lent management of Indian money and ask for specific information from Switzerland; if so, what are the dates and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) A team comprising representatives of Deptt. of Economic Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Central Bureau of Investigation and the Reserve Bank of India visited Berne (Switzerland) in September, 1987, to discuss the draft of an agreement of mutual assistance in criminal matters between the Govts. of India and Switzerland.

Government have decided that letters be exchanged between the two Governments. Our Mission in Berne has been suitably advised to make arrangement for the exchange of letters.

Unless the proposed letters are exchanged between the two Govts., it is not feasible for the Govt. of India to approach the Swiss Government for obtaining any information in this regard.

Robbing of passengers by Scooter Rickshaw drivers

1639. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Administration are aware of the report lodged recently by two students from England who had come to Delhi to study the conditions of the blind, about their having been robbed of their valuables and money by a scooter rickshaw driver whom they hired at the Indira Gandhi International Airport;

(b) what action has been taken in the matter; and

(c) what system is proposed to check such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No such incident has been reported to Delhi Police.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Frequent checking of scooter rickshaw drivers's done by Delhi Police especially during odd hours. Police pickets have also been set up at important scooter rickshaw/Taxi stands. Complaints cards are also given to passengers.

Refusal by Delhi Police Officers to testify before Goswamy-Wadhava Committee

1640. SHRI V. NARANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Police Officers refused to give testimony before the Goswamy-Wadhava Committee which is inquiring into the incident that took place at Tis-Hazari court some time back;

(b) what were the main reasons for the police officials refusal to give evidence before the Committee; and

(c) by when the Report of the Goswamy-Wadhava Committee is likely to be submitted to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir. Four police officers, refused to take the oath and to make a statement regarding the incidents which are the subject matter of inquiry.

(b) Two police officers have filed special leave petitions/writs in the Supreme Court challenging the validity of the procedure adopted by the Committee. The matter is sub-judice.

(c) The extended term of the Committee is upto 22nd August 1988.